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In re application of: Hassan HAJJAJ et al.

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For: CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING AGENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 26, 2004, applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and comments into this file of this application.

Claim amendments appear herein starting on page 2.

Remarks appear herein starting on page 6.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.